

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2004
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
1:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Ray Stevens, Chair
Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Deb Schorr
Bob Workman

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Absent: Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, July 6, 2004.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting dated July 6, 2004. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. An exceptional circumstance for Scott Waters, an employee with the Lancaster County Corrections Department, in the amount of \$500.

MOTION: Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of an exceptional circumstance award to Scott Waters, an employee with the Lancaster County Corrections Department, in the amount of \$500. Workman, Schorr, Heier, Hudkins and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment and the meeting proceeded as planned.

4) **CLAIMS FOR REVIEW:**

A. Payment Voucher 703-0401831, dated June 16, 2004, from the Election Commissioner, payable to the League of Women Voters, in the amount of \$780.75. Payment is for voter registration assistance from September, 2003 through June 16, 2004. The claim is beyond the 90 day time period (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-135).

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of Payment Voucher 703-0401831, dated June 16, 2004, from the Election Commissioner, payable to the League of Women Voters, in the amount of \$780.75. Workman, Hudkins, Schorr, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Payment Voucher 703-1849, dated June 28, 2004, from the County Engineer, payable to Speece Lewis Engineers, in the amount of \$685.60. Payment is for miscellaneous consulting services from January 1, 2004 through June 24, 2004. The claim is beyond the 90 day time period (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-135).

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of Payment Voucher 703-1849, dated June 28, 2004, from the County Engineer, payable to Speece Lewis Engineers, in the amount of \$685.60. Hudkins, Heier, Workman, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

C. Payment Voucher 641-24294, dated June 29, 2004, from Property Management, payable to Alltel, in the amount of \$19.95. Payment is for equipment purchased in September, 2003. The claim is beyond the 90 day time period (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-135).

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of Payment Voucher 641-24294, dated June 29, 2004, from Property Management, payable to Alltel, in the amount of \$19.95. Heier, Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Payment Voucher 784-9291, dated June 29, 2004, from the Community Mental Health Center, payable to Elizabeth Browne, in the amount of \$139. Payment is reimbursement for a registration fee for a seminar in October, 2003. The claim is beyond the 90 day time period (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-135).

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of Payment Voucher 784-9291, dated June 29, 2004, from the Community Mental Health Center, payable to Elizabeth Browne, in the amount of \$139. Heier, Workman, Hudkins, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **CLAIMS FOR REVIEW CONTINUED:**

E. Payment Voucher 784-9294, dated June 29, 2004, from the Community Mental Health Center, payable to Dean Settle, in the amount of \$209.80. Payment is for reimbursement and includes items purchased from the Nebraska Gift Shop for Technical Assistance Policy Analysis Center (TAPA) meeting attendees, in the amount of \$125.57.

By direction of the Chair, this item was held for further information.

F. Payment Voucher 782-5849, dated June 23, 2004, from Families First and Foremost, payable to Family Services, Inc., in the amount of \$1,200. This payment is for services provided from February 11, 2004 through April 28, 2004. The claim is beyond the 90 day time period (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-135).

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of Payment Voucher 782-5849, dated June 23, 2004, from Families First and Foremost, payable to Family Services, Inc., in the amount of \$1,200. Hudkins, Workman, Heier, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, July 13, 2004.**

MOTION: Heier moved and Schorr seconded approval of all claims processed through July 13, 2004. Heier, Hudkins, Schorr, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. A resolution approving a lease agreement from the County of Lancaster, Nebraska and the City of Lincoln, Nebraska to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, a lease agreement from the Commission to the County and the City and the issuance of not to exceed \$12,000,000 of the Commission's Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue and Refunding Bonds, all with respect to additions and improvement to the City-County Health Department Building. (R-04-0090)

6) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of Resolution 04-0090 approving a lease agreement from the County of Lancaster, Nebraska and the City of Lincoln, Nebraska to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, a lease agreement from the Commission to the County and the City and the issuance of not to exceed \$12,000,000 of the Commission's Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue and Refunding Bonds, all with respect to additions and improvement to the City-County Health Department Building. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Stevens abstained from voting. Motion carried.

B. A resolution in the matter of designating The Cattle National Bank & Trust Co., located at 1550 South Coddington Avenue, Suite R, Lincoln, Nebraska, as a depository for Lancaster County funds. (R-04-0091)

MOTION: Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution 04-0091 in the matter of designating The Cattle National Bank & Trust Co., located at 1550 South Coddington Avenue, Suite R, Lincoln, Nebraska, as a depository for Lancaster County funds. Hudkins, Workman, Heier, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

C. A resolution authorizing the installation of traffic signs at the following locations: (R-04-0092)

- ▶ Install a "Caution Driveways Ahead" sign on South 82nd Street 800 feet north of Bennet Road for northbound traffic.
- ▶ Install a "25 Mile Per Hour" speed limit sign in the Highlands subdivision on Braemar Road west of South 56th Street for westbound traffic.

MOTION: Workman moved and Schorr seconded approval of Resolution 04-0092 authorizing the installation of traffic signs. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

D. An agreement with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Center for At-Risk Children's Services for the administration of evaluation tools required by the System of Care. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The County will pay \$183,086 for such services. (C-04-0316)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an agreement with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Center for At-Risk Children's Services for the administration of evaluation tools required by the System of Care. Hudkins, Schorr, Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

E. **An agreement with Lighthouse for care coordination services to youth, ages 10 to 18 years old, who have severe emotional disorders and who are in or at risk of becoming involved with the Juvenile Justice System. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The County will pay \$40,883 for such services. (C-04-0317)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of an agreement with Lighthouse for care coordination services to youth, ages 10 to 18 years old, who have severe emotional disorders and who are in or at risk of becoming involved with the Juvenile Justice System. Schorr, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

F. **An agreement with Lisa Young for the services of a nurse practitioner to assist in the provision of psychiatric services at the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The County will pay \$55 per hour for no more than 16 hours per week. (C-04-0320)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of an agreement with Lisa Young for the services of a nurse practitioner to assist in the provision of psychiatric services at the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center. Workman, Schorr, Heier, Hudkins and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

G. **An agreement with Lincoln Psychological Services, P.C. for mental health services, through Daniel Leggiadro, at the Community Mental Health Center. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The County will pay \$65 per hour for no more than 45 hours per week. The County will also pay \$100 per weekend where Dr. Leggiadro has agreed to provide on-call services. (C-04-0321)**

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of an agreement with Lincoln Psychological Services, P.C. for mental health services, through Daniel Leggiadro, at the Community Mental Health Center. Heier, Workman, Hudkins, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

H. **An amendment to an agreement with BryanLGH Medical Center, under County Contract C-03-0351, for nursing services for the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center. BryanLGH has notified the County that the hourly rate for nursing services has increased from \$41.84 per hour to \$45.35 per hour, effective July 1, 2004, and as a result, the parties wish to amend the agreement to reflect such change. (C-04-00319)**

6) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of an amendment to an agreement with BryanLGH Medical Center, under County Contract C-03-0351, for nursing services for the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

I. An amendment to an interlocal agreement with the State of Nebraska, Probation Administration under County Contract C-03-0318, to facilitate the administration of the Drug Treatment Court for the Lancaster County District Court. The federal grant to fund Drug Court expires on August 31, 2004, and as a result, the parties wish to extend the term of the agreement from June 30, 2004 to August 31, 2004. The parties further wish to amend the agreement to provide for compensation for the two month extension period. (C-04-0322)

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of an amendment to an interlocal agreement with the State of Nebraska, Probation Administration under County Contract C-03-0318, to facilitate the administration of the Drug Treatment Court for the Lancaster County District Court.

J. Acceptance of a grant award from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for Project "A Coordinated Response to Reducing Domestic Violence in Lancaster County". The County will receive \$270,667 of which \$67,667 is the County's match share. Term of the grant award is July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. (C-04-0318)

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to accept a grant award from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for Project "A Coordinated Response to Reducing Domestic Violence in Lancaster County".

Heier noted a 12.5 percent increase in mental health services for the current year.

ROLL CALL: Heier, Workman, Hudkins, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

Schorr referred to Legislative Bill 1083 and stated it is imperative that the County Board continue to make their needs and concerns known to the Governor and to speak in support of reimbursement for expenses as a part of mental health reform.

Heier stated some services are not mandatory by county government, however, they are offered because of the need for the citizens in Lancaster County.

6) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

K. Reappointment of Bob Workman to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission for a four year term, beginning August 1, 2004.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the reappointment of Bob Workman to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission for a four year term, beginning August 1, 2004. Workman, Hudkins, Schorr, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

7) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

A. Receive and Place on File:

1. Lancaster Manor's Monthly Report.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Consent Item. Hudkins, Heier, Workman, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

8) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting at 2:02 p.m.. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2004
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING**

Commissioners Present: Ray Stevens, Chair
Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Deb Schorr
Bob Workman

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Scott Gaines, Chief Administrative Deputy County Assessor/Register
of Deeds
Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Absent: Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk

The meeting of the Board of Equalization was called to order at 2:02 p.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, July 6, 2004.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting dated July 6, 2004. Schorr, Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment and the meeting proceeded as planned.

- 3) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 18 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit "A".

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls. Heier, Workman, Hudkins, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Congregational United Church of Christ
First Presbyterian Church
School Sisters of Christ the King**

MOTION: Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemptions. Workman, Hudkins, Schorr, Heier, and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **APPEAL FILED ON LATE FILING PENALTY ASSESSED ON PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

North Coast Payphones, Inc.

Scott Gaines, Chief Administrative Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds, explained North Coast Payphones was requesting that the penalty be waived on the late filing. He stated the Board may only waive or reduce the assessed penalty if it is incorrectly calculated or wrongly imposed. Gaines stated North Coast Payphones had some software problems and are not contesting whether or not the filing was late.

Recommendation was to deny the appeal.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded denial of the appeal filed on a late filing penalty assessed on personal property for North Coast Payphones, Inc. Hudkins, Heier, Workman, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting at 2:05 p.m.. Heier, Workman, Schorr, Hudkins and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk